

Statement on Racial Justice

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.

Genesis 1:26

God has created the people of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary.Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

The Confession of 1967 (alt)

We believe.....that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Confession of Belhar

As disciples of Jesus, formed by Scripture and by the historic confessions of our Reformed tradition, Covenant people affirm the dignity and worth of every beloved child of God. We commit ourselves to becoming an ever more inclusive community, welcoming all into the life, fellowship, and governance of our congregation. At this time of heightened awareness of the injustice of systemic racism, we commit to educating ourselves and joining with our fellow Christians to work for justice, healing, and reconciliation in our church, community, and nation.